

WASHINGTON – Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) has been selected as Grand Marshall of the 2008 National Veterans Day Parade in Birmingham.

The parade will be held on Tuesday, November 11. It begins at 1:30 p.m. at Eighth Avenue North and 19th Street.

Congressman Bachus said, "It is an honor to serve as the Grand Marshall for a parade that has such a meaningful history. Birmingham is the birthplace of Veterans Day, and our celebration is a model for cities across the nation. It is important that everyone takes time on Veterans Day to recognize the service that our brave men and women in uniform have given to preserve our freedom. Our veterans have served with honor wherever duty has called them and represent the best of America. It is our privilege to be able to show gratitude to them, and extremely humbling to be in the presence of men and women who have made such great personal sacrifices for their country."

Congressman Bachus championed the construction of the Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo, which will provide a serene and secure resting place for area veterans. He recently announced the awarding of a \$3.7 million contract to BSI Contracting Inc. of Birmingham for the development of the first phase of the cemetery.

William Voigt, executive director of National Veterans Day in Birmingham, said "Our parade and related activities constitute the oldest and largest observance of Veterans Day in the nation. Congressman Bachus has been supportive of us for many years, and we are pleased to have the opportunity to honor him in this year's parade."

National Veterans Day in Birmingham was founded in 1945. It was through the efforts of longtime Chairman Raymond Weeks that Congress passed legislation establishing Veterans Day as a day of national observance to honor U.S. veterans from all wars.

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Congressman Bachus will be available to the media at the following events.

MONDAY NOVEMBER 10

National Veterans Awards Dinner, Boutwell Auditorium, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 11

World Peace Luncheon, Boutwell Auditorium, 11 a.m.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 11

National Veterans Day Parade, Eighth Avenue North and 18th Street, 1:30 p.m.

Information on National Veterans Day in Birmingham is available from William Vogt at 205-325-1432.